

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meetings are scheduled as follows: Standing and Special Red Drum Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), September 4, 1996, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC, September 5, 1996, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, 333 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; telephone: 504-525-9444.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Swingle, Executive Director; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m., the Red Drum SSC will review an assessment on status of the red drum stock in the Gulf of Mexico. They will also review a report of a Scientific Stock Assessment Panel which will recommend a range of acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the Gulf fishery.

On September 5, beginning at 8:00 a.m. the Reef Fish SSC will review an assessment prepared by LGL Ecological Research Associates, Inc. of Bryan, Texas, of the assessment procedure and data utilized by NMFS in preparing the annual stock assessment for Gulf red snapper. They will also review the comments of NMFS and Council Scientific Stock Assessment Panel on the LGL assessment.

The SSC will develop its recommendations on these two issues for consideration by the Council at its September 9-13, 1996 meeting in New Orleans.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by August 28, 1996.

Dated: August 7, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) plan teams will hold meetings the week of August 26, in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m. on August 26, and continue through August 30.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, Room 2079, Seattle, WA,.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dave Witherell or Jane DiCosimo, telephone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda for the meetings will include the following subjects.

1. Review available stock assessments and catch statistics and prepare preliminary stock and economic assessment documents for the 1997 groundfish fisheries in the GOA and BSAI.

2. Review proposals for amendments to the groundfish fishery management plans for the GOA and BSAI.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 6, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Improved Retention/Improved Utilization Committee (Committee) will meet September 5-6, 1996, in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** September 5-6, 1996, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on September 5, and concluding by 5:00 p.m. on September 6.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Room 2079, Building 4, Seattle, WA.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Oliver, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will review comments received on the draft analysis of measures to improve retention and utilization in the groundfish fisheries and prepare recommendations to provide to the Council at their meeting, September 18-22, 1996, in Sitka, Alaska.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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### Permits; Foreign Fishing

In accordance with a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of State, the National Marine Fisheries Service publishes for public review and comment summaries of applications received by the Secretary of State requesting permits for foreign fishing vessels to operate in the Exclusive